

## Fisheries (Ireland) Bill.

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### MEMORANDUM.

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The Bill proposes to confer upon officers of the Department of Agriculture and officers appointed by them for the purposes of the Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1842, the powers with regard to the seizure of nets, &c. employed in illegal trawling conferred in pursuance of subsection (2) of section three of the Steam Trawling (Ireland) Act, 1883, on officers and petty officers of the navy and coastguards.

The Bill also proposes to raise the maximum fine from 5*l.* to 100*l.*, and to provide for the service of a summons directed to a person engaged in illegal trawling by leaving a copy of the summons at the place of abode or place of business of the owner of the vessel, and to make the owner liable for the fine if it is not paid by the person convicted.

The Bill also proposes to provide that two-thirds of all sums levied as fines or arising from the sale of nets, &c. should be paid to the Department of Agriculture, and applied for the general purposes of sea fisheries.

Under the existing law two-thirds of all such sums must be paid to the Board of Conservators of the district in which the offence was committed and applied to the purposes of the Salmon Fisheries Acts for such district.

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Amend the Steam Trawling (Ireland) Act, 1889.

**B**E it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by A.D. 1903,  
 and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and  
 Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,  
 and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5       1.—(1.) Every person who uses any trawl net or any method of  
 fishing in contravention of any byelaw of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (in this Act referred to as the Department) made in pursuance of section three of the  
 10 Steam Trawling (Ireland) Act, 1889 (in this Act referred to as the principal Act), shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, and every net used or attempted to be used in contravention of any such byelaw, and every rope, warp, tackle, beam, pole, iron, and other thing fastened to or used with any such net, shall be forfeited, and may be seized by any duly authorised officer of the Department, or any officer appointed by the Department for the purposes of the Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1842, and shall, when seized, be dealt with, subject to the provisions of this Act, in the manner provided by section one hundred and three of the said Act of 1842, and for the purpose of such seizure any such officer may go on board any vessel propelled by steam employed in fishing.

(2.) If the person to whom a summons under the principal Act is directed cannot be conveniently met with, it shall be deemed sufficient service of such summons upon him if a copy thereof is left for him at the usual place of abode or place of business, the same being within the United Kingdom, of the owner of the vessel on which such person was when the offence was committed.

(3.) If the fine imposed upon the person convicted is not paid by a certain date named in the conviction the court may order that

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52 & 53 Vict.  
c. 74.5 & 6 Vict.  
c. 106.

A.D. 1901. the same be paid by the owner of the aforesaid vessel, and upon such order being made the person convicted shall be relieved from payment of the said fine.

— (4.) One-third of every sum of money levied as a fine or arising from the sale of anything ordered to be sold in pursuance of the principal Act as amended by this Act, shall be paid to the person who is the means of bringing to justice the person committing the offence, and the remainder of such sum shall be paid to the Department and shall be applied for the purposes of sea fisheries as defined by the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 10

62 & 63 Vict.  
c. 50.

1890.

(5.) Subsection (2) of section three of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Short title  
and citation,

2. This Act may be cited as the *Fisheries (Ireland) Act, 1901*,  
and may be cited with the *Fisheries (Ireland) Acts, 1842 to 1898*. 15



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